

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 16, replace Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, and 15, and add Claims 17-25 all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for obtaining a travel time, comprising the steps of:
- (a) ~~requesting~~ receiving at a remote location a search category from a ~~user~~ communication device;
  - (b) ~~obtaining~~ identifying a plurality of locations in the search category which are within a ~~selected~~ search area;
  - (c) ~~computing~~ a first travel time from a ~~first location~~ an origin to a ~~second~~ first location in the plurality of locations; ~~and~~;
  - (d) ~~storing~~ the first travel time and respective first location; and  
transmitting the first location from the remote location to the communication device;  
wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.
2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- computing a second travel time from the origin ~~first location~~ to a second ~~third~~ location in the plurality of locations; and,
- sorting the first travel time and ~~second travel time~~ by ascending order.
3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the search category is restaurants and the first location is a first restaurant.

4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the search category is gas stations and the first location is a gas station.

5. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of expanding the selected search area.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
determining whether a preselected number of locations have respective travel times computed.

7. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
estimating the first travel time by dividing a distance from the origin first location to the first second location by a maximum speed; and,  
determining whether the estimated first time is less than a predetermined limit.

8. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the obtaining identifying step includes searching a database for a plurality of locations within a selected geographical area.

9. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the communication device is the requesting step further includes prompting a user on a cellular telephone phone display.

10. (Currently Amended): A method for obtaining a travel time, comprising the steps of:  
(a) requesting receiving at a remote location a search category from a user communication device;

(b) — ~~obtaining~~ identifying a plurality of locations in the search category which are within a selected search area;

(c) — determining whether the selected search area should be expanded based upon the plurality of locations;

(d) — estimating a first travel time by dividing the distance from ~~the first location~~ an origin to the ~~second~~ a first location by a maximum speed;

(e) — determining whether the estimated first travel time is less than a predetermined limit;

(f) — computing a the first travel time from a first location the origin to a second the first location in the plurality of locations;

(g) — storing the first travel time and respective first location;

(h) — computing a second travel time from ~~a first location~~ the origin to a ~~third~~ second location in the plurality of locations; ~~and~~;

(i) — sorting the first travel time with the second travel time based upon ascending values;

compiling a list from the sorted first travel time and second travel time, the list including travel time and location address; and

transmitting the list from the remote location to the communication device;

wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

11. (Currently Amended): A system for obtaining a minimum travel time from an origin to a first location, comprising:

(a) — a communication device for inputting a user selected category and receiving a first location, from the user selected category, having the minimum travel time;

(b) ~~a transmitter/receiver, means for transmitting and receiving~~ coupled to the communication device, for receiving the user selected category and transmitting the first location; and,

(c) ~~a processing device, coupled to the transmitter/receiver means for transmitting and receiving,~~ for computing the minimum travel time;

wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

12. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the communication device is a cellular telephone.

13. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the category is a restaurant category.

14. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the processing device is a computer.

15. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 11, further comprising:

(d) ~~a persistence storage device, coupled to the processing device, for storing map information.~~

16. (Cancel)

17. (New): A method for obtaining a list of targets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for a search category from a communication device;

receiving a search area from an input source;

identifying a plurality of targets in the search category which are within the search area;

computing a travel time for at least one of the plurality of targets from an origin to the target;  
sorting each of the plurality of targets for which a travel time has been computed by the  
respective travel time;

compiling a list of the sorted plurality of targets; and

displaying the list to a user via the communication device;

wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

18. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the input source is the communication device.

19. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the input source is a computer server.

20. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the search category is restaurants.

21. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the search category is gas stations.

22. (New): The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of modifying the search area.

23. (New): The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:  
estimating whether a travel time is less than a predetermined limit by dividing a distance from  
the origin to the target by a maximum speed.

24. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the identifying step includes searching a database  
for a plurality of targets within a search area.

25. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the communication device is a cellular telephone.